

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Married College Student May Still Be Dependent

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

My wife and I support our daughter who is a senior in college. If she gets married before the end of this year will we lose our exemption for her?

You will if she files a joint return with her husband. However, if she files a separate return or if she has no income and does not file jointly with her husband, you may claim an exemption for her if she otherwise qualifies as your dependent. In that case, you, not her husband, get the exemption.

I've been taking depreciation on my dairy herd. How do I deduct several cows that froze to death last winter?

Claim a casualty loss for the undepreciated value of this livestock less the value of any salvage. If your loss was covered by insurance, you might have a gain rather than a loss to report depending on the amount of your insurance reimbursement.

Check the Farmer's Tax Guide, Publication 225, for details. A free copy may be obtained from your local IRS office or from the County Extension Agent.

I was audited and had to pay more tax on my 1968 return. I paid it and now I get another bill for the same amount. What should I do?

Return the bill along with a copy of your cancelled check or money order. Frequently IRS receives payments that cannot be identified and this might have happened in your case. Another possibility is that your payment was received too late in our process-

Night Service Stopped

Motorists planning to apply for or renew their drivers licenses in the next several weeks are advised that evening service, usually available at the Torrance Department of Motor Vehicle office to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, has been discontinued. Service will be resumed Feb. 6, 1969.

Local office manager Elmer A. Barnes said all DMV offices will close at 5 p.m. during this six-week period so that employees may concentrate on vehicle registration renewals.

He also reminded motorists that a driver's license may be renewed any time during the six months preceding its expiration date — the driver's birthday — without shortening the time span of the new license. Most licenses are good for four years from the renewal birthday.

New Patient

Anthony Crossnoe, two-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Crossnoe of 4118 Spencer St., was among recent admissions to Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

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ing cycle to make the necessary adjustment in the billing notices.

A good practice to follow when paying a tax bill, is to put your Social Security number on the check or money order and return the notice with your payment.

I inherited some property last year. Do I have to report this on my income tax return?

No, this does not have to be reported. However, if the property is sold later for more than its value when you inherited it then the gain has to be reported.

I just started working. Do I have to file an estimated tax return?

The tax withheld by your employer will probably satisfy most, if not all, of your tax liability. However, you should review your withholding situation next year when you file your return for 1968. At that time, you may find it desirable to file an estimated tax return for your 1969 income.

I had to buy a car when I took a job as a traveling salesman. Can I deduct the purchase price as well as my operating expenses?

No. However, a car used for business purposes may be depreciated over its useful life and you may deduct the actual operating costs of your car for the year. This would include depreciation, gas, oil, insurance, repairs and other operating costs. If the car is used for both personal and business purposes, you must apportion your expenses between business travel and personal travel.

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Instead of deducting your actual operating expenses, you may deduct 10 cents for every mile you used the car on your job up to 15,000 miles. If your mileage exceeds that, additional business miles may be deducted at 7 cents a mile. In addition, tolls, parking, and similar items are also deductible.

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SING FOR PATIENTS—Student nurses from Torrance High School entertained patients at Torrance Memorial Hospital last week with a selection of traditional Christmas carols. Shown here singing for James E. Livermore are (from left) Eileen Furusho, 17; Susan Parham, 17; Nancy Hanson, 16; Laurie Voigt, 15; and Mrs. Shirley Savers, director of the carolers. The student nursing program is a joint venture between the hospital and Torrance High School to provide senior boys and girls with entry level skills as nursing assistants. (Press-Herald Photo)

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Park Officials Laud Work Crew Program

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Torrance park officials indicated they are pleased with the teenage work crew program initiated last summer and hope to continue with the program in future years.

Under the supervision of the city's Recreation and Parks Departments, 16 are high school boys teamed up to clean restrooms, maintain sand play areas, pull weeds, and generally maintain recreation facilities. In many cases, it was the boys' first paid job experience.

"The reaction to the program from all Park Department and Recreation Department personnel regarded the program as of great value and very successful," said Jim Faulk, recreation supervisor assigned to guide the work crews.

Faulk noted that the work

crews not only freed park employees for more skilled functions, but served to maintain normal work levels while regular employees were on vacation. Under the program, students from North and West High School were contacted for the jobs through their vocational counselors. Each prospective employee was instructed to call the Recreation Department for an interview.

All work was scheduled between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon during summer months.

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